

Amended Claims

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I claim:

1. A practice putting device used as a golf cup in above-ground synthetic turf (both aggregate sand filled and non-aggregate filled) and also carpeted golf greens;
 - a. a ball receptacle having an adaptable wall height, made of a strong plastic material (pvc),
 - b. the said ball receptacle whose diameter matches that of a regulation sized golf cup.
2. The device as described in claim 1 includes a thin base plate made of non-breakable polycarbonate whose diameter is wider than said ball receptacle side wall enough to fit firmly within a synthetic turf/carpet regulation size cutout hole, maintaining stability of the assembled device.
3. The device as described in claim 1 includes a removable vertical pole and nylon flag marker and is fitted to the device's base center fitting and includes a clear polycarbonate disc that is loosely affixed to the pole with a plastic farrell;
 - a. a flat clear polycarbonate disc positioned at a fixed level that when the unit (combination of the flag stick and flat disc assembly) is installed in the cups base fitting, when impacted by the action of a rolling golf ball, acts to slow the momentum of the golf ball as it enters the golf cup and also acts to retain the golf ball within the cups base.
4. The device as described in claim 1 action of the ball impacting the clear disc and subsequent action of the ball falling into the cup base, coupled with the rolling of the ball within the cups base, all act to create an audible and appealing sound that gives immediate feedback, a normal event golfers desire.
5. The device as described in claim 1 includes an adjustable height, upstanding encompassing side wall;
 - a. sized to fit the height of the synthetic turf and aids to maintain the turf fibers integrity,
 - b. when used on aggregate (sand-filled) filled synthetic turf, the wall height is adaptable to various turf heights, and aids to maintain the aggregate within the synthetic turfs surface,
 - c. it also aids to eliminate the natural "sifting" effect caused by gravity or erosion from rainwater, etc of the sand granules through the cups base,
 - d. the depth of the upstanding side wall can be adapted and fitted to various pile height surfaces with or without additional subsurface padding of synthetic turf, both aggregate (sand) filled and non-aggregate filled turf carpets and other various pile height (with or without additional padding) carpeted greens.
6. The device as described in claim 1 includes 3 plastic cup ring retainers, which act to reinforce the upstanding side wall to the polycarbonate cup base;
 - a. also as the ball enters and rolls into the cup base they act to slow the momentum of the golf ball,
 - b. when used with aggregate (sand-filled) turf, the ability to drain rain and condensation from the cups base is vital to ability to prevent aggregate from potentially being removed from the turfs surface.

Signed by: _____

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